

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 24, 2004 set an initial two (2) month period for response. Accordingly, a response may be timely filed up until May 24, 2004 without extension of time.

Applicants request that paragraph [0060] be replaced with amended paragraph [0060]. In amended paragraph [0060], the hyperlink is replaced by alternative language suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 14 to 40, directed to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled without prejudice to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve their rights to file continuing and/or divisional application, as appropriate, directed to the subject matter of the non-elected invention and the cancelled claims.

Submitted as part of this Amendment is a replacement paragraph for paragraph [0060] and a listing of claims in compliance with revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Applicants note that the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004 indicated that, since the application was in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution on the merits was closed.

Applicants note that the above-noted amendments to the specification deal appropriately with the objections set forth in the Office Action and, thus, the present application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION


Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and request that it be allowed and passed to issue.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would expedite prosecution and allowance of this application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Applicant's attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee, including any fee due with this submission, if the attached check(s) is in the wrong amount or otherwise improper or missing, that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers, or with this application during its entire pendency to or to credit any overpayment to Customer No. 27500, Deposit Account 50-2212, Order No. 044988-0304669.

Respectfully submitted,

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